

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claim 1 (currently amended): ~~AA~~ texture masking oral dosage form comprising

(a) a unitary soft core comprising a plurality of active agent particles having an average size of greater than about 50 μm and

(b) a brittle shell encasing the soft core, wherein the weight ratio of active agent particles to shell being from about 1.0:0.5 to about 1.0 in the texture masking oral dosage form.

Claim 2 (previously presented): An oral dosage form of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of active agent particles to shell being from about 1.0:2 to about 1.0:12.

Claim 3 (previously presented): An oral dosage form of claim 2, wherein the weight ratio of particles to shell being from about 1.0:4 to about 1.0:9.

Claim 4 (original): An oral dosage form of claim 1, wherein the soft core is pectin based.

Claim 5 (previously presented): An oral dosage form of claim 1, wherein the soft core is gelatin based.

Claim 6 (previously presented): An oral dosage form of claim 1, wherein the soft core has a hardness of about 1 to about 8 kp/cm^2 .

Claim 7 (previously presented): An oral dosage form of claim 1, wherein the active agent is selected from the group consisting of acetaminophen, ibuprofen, pseudoephedrine, dextromethorphan, diphenhydramine, chlorpheniramine, calcium carbonate, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium carbonate, magnesium oxide, aluminum hydroxide, mixtures thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Claim 8 (original): An oral dosage form of claim 7, wherein the active agent is acetaminophen or ibuprofen.

Claim 9 (original): An oral dosage form of claim 8, wherein the active agent is acetaminophen.

Claim 10 (previously presented): An oral dosage form of claim 8, wherein the active agent is ibuprofen.

Claim 11 (previously presented): An oral dosage form of claim 3, wherein the active agent is selected from the group consisting of acetaminophen, ibuprofen, pseudoephedrine, dextromethorphan, diphenhydramine, chlorpheniramine, calcium carbonate, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium carbonate, magnesium oxide, aluminum hydroxide, mixtures thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Claim 12 (original): An oral dosage form of claim 11, wherein the active agent is acetaminophen or ibuprofen.

Claim 13 (original): An oral dosage form of claim 12, wherein the active agent is acetaminophen.

Claim 14 (original): An oral dosage form of claim 12, wherein the active agent is ibuprofen.

Claim 15 (currently amended): ~~AA~~ texture masking oral dosage form comprising

(a) a unitary soft core comprising a plurality of acetaminophen particles having an average size of greater than about 50 μm and

(b) a brittle shell enveloping the soft core, wherein the weight ratio of active agent to shell being from about 1.0:4 to about 1.0:9 in the texture masking oral dosage form.

Claim 16 (currently amended): ~~AA~~ texture masking oral dosage form comprising

(a) a unitary soft core comprising a plurality of ibuprofen particles having an average size of greater than about 50 μm and

(b) a brittle shell enveloping the soft core, wherein the weight ratio of particles to shell being from about 1.0:4 to about 1.0:9 15 in the texture masking oral dosage form.

Claim 17 (currently amended): ~~AA~~ texture masking oral dosage form comprising

(a) a unitary soft core comprising a plurality of active agent particles having an average size of greater than about 50 μm and

(b) a brittle shell encasing the soft core, wherein the weight ratio of active agent particles to shell being from about 1.0:0.5 to about 1.0:15 and wherein the soft core has a hardness of about 1 to about 8 kp/cm^2 15 in the texture masking oral dosage form.

Claim 18 (previously presented): An oral dosage form of claim 1, wherein the weight ratio of active agent particles to shell being from about 1.0:2 to about 1.0:12.

Claim 19 (previously presented): An oral dosage form of claim 18, wherein the weight ratio of active agent particles to shell being from about 1.0:4 to about 1.0:9.

Claim 20 (previously presented): An oral dosage form of claim 17, wherein the soft core is pectin based.

Claim 21 (previously presented): An oral dosage form of claim 1, wherein the soft core is gelatin based.

Claim 22 (previously presented): An oral dosage form of claim 17, wherein the active agent is selected from the group consisting of acetaminophen, ibuprofen, pseudoephedrine, dextromethorphan, diphenhydramine, chlorpheniramine, calcium carbonate, magnesium hydroxide, magnesium carbonate, magnesium oxide, aluminum hydroxide, mixtures thereof, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof.

Claim 23 (previously presented): An oral dosage form of claim 22, wherein the active agent is acetaminophen or ibuprofen.

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Claim 24 (previously presented): An oral dosage form of claim 23, wherein the active agent is acetaminophen.

Claim 25 (previously presented): An oral dosage form of claim 23, wherein the active agent is ibuprofen.